



Xclusivo and ATV are ready to make wishes come true this Christmas!

Jacqueline Suttle, publisher of Xclusivo magazine and host of the popular weekly program on ATV, Channel 15, announced the commencement of the fourth installment of the “Eight Wishes Granted” campaign for the holiday season. Ms. Suttle explained how her weekly news program “enabled me to witness every aspect of island life, and there were some truly heartbreaking stories of people in need of things that are not provided by the social system. I was conceptualizing a special holiday show, and the “Eight Wishes” program was born. We have accomplished some wonderful things in the past three years with the assistance of our sponsors, and look forward to doing it again this year.”

During a press conference at the Que Pasa restaurant fellow organizer in the campaign, Shohaira da Silva of ATV news and a number of the sponsors joined her to announce the opening of this year’s event. Marcia Drikz of the Marriott Vacation Club International (MVCI) Community Welfare Foundation, Kevin Augustin of W.E.B. and Joelly Croes of Valero Refinery Aruba all vocally and financially donated their support of this excellent service. Jacqueline also thanked Aruba Bank for their staunch support since the very first campaign. Additional substantial sponsors of the program include Footfit and Nailene shops, amongst others.

The programs awarding the eight winning wishes will be broadcast on two Saturday evenings, December 23 and 30 from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. Wishes can be written down and deposited in boxes that will be found on the premises of various vendors around the island, and are clearly marked “ Xclusivo - 8 Deseo-8 Realidad.” The wishes must be accompanied by a name, address and telephone number with which to notify those that qualify as finalists. The boxes will be found at Chengs Supermarket in Bubali, the Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital, Valero station on the Boulevard, Magic 96.5 FM station headquarters in Oranjestad, Botica di Servicio Maria in Santa Cruz, Botica di Paradera, Dowco Cura Cabai, Valero Essoville, and the offices of Xclusivo Magazine located off the Tanki Flip roundabout.

The “Eight Wishes” campaign considers any wish, no matter how big or how small, as long as it is not a selfish wish. This is not a campaign to give video game platforms to the children of families that can afford them. Some of the winning wishes in the past have included transporting an entire family from Holland to visit a very sick relative in Aruba and building a home for a family with a disabled father that cannot work anymore, who were living in a shack with a sand floor. An elderly woman with a disabled daughter had no money for a proper bed or bath to take care of her child, and the “Eight Wishes” program provided a new bed and built her a bathroom with the necessary equipment. These are an example of the need the “Eight Wishes” program fulfills, and if anyone finds their family in similar situations, they are urged to ask for assistance by telling their story and depositing it in one of the boxes.